



Heap on more wood!... the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

Scott

Rainer & Rainer
General Agents
Representing Emergency Aid Fire Insurance Co.
ELBA, ALABAMA



SEASONS GREETINGS

To thank you, as we'd like to do,
Is far beyond our powers;
For if we had no friends like you,
There'd be no bank like ours.

Elbe Exchange Bank



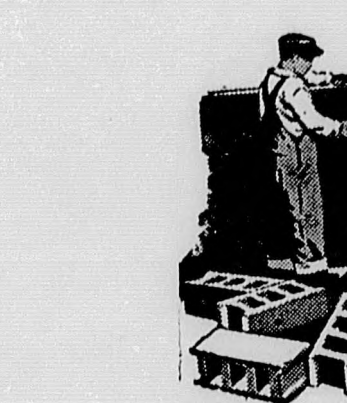
"You merry folk, be of good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year
From when door you'll take no harm
By winter if your hearts are warm"

Bonneau Jeter Hdwe **Lindsey - Thomason Furn. Co.**



Keep thy tongue from evil, and
thy lips from speaking guile.—
(Proverbs XXXIV, 12)

Ever notice how much better it
makes you feel when you speak
kindly, cheerfully, instead of criti-
cally, of or to someone? Spoken
in words of help and affec-
tion bless and strengthen those
who give them, as well as those
who receive.



**CONCRETE PRODUCTS FOR
BUILDING NEEDS
LARGE OR SMALL! WE BUILD IT!**

(Highest Block on Market for its size)
8 X 8 X 16—Ensite Block 21c
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Concrete Burial Vaults \$50.00
Colored Concrete Blocks Priced Same as Regular
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Come by and see our new "SUPERROCK"
15"—4 foot length \$6.50
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ANY PIPE ORDER—LARGE OR SMALL

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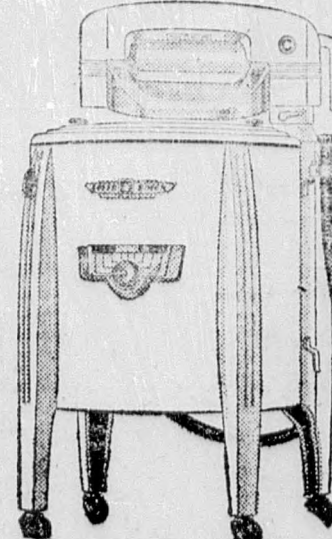
Give her all these...



**Give her a
Speed Queen**

WITH a Speed Queen an
entire week's wash can be
whisked away in one easy
hour. Every 5 to 10 minutes
a full load is turned out,
sparkling clean. The same
rub of hot suds is good
through the entire wash
— saving costly hot water
and soap. 5 models to
choose from priced as low
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\$114.95

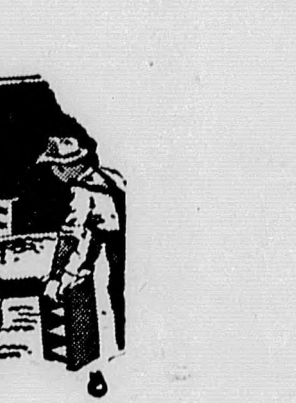


My Neighbors

By BILL PAULSON



"And speaking of crumbs—that's
about all we get in our town from
the taxes that go to Washington"



The typical American school tests
eyeight only with a chart read at
20 feet, but the child does most of
his school work at 15 inches and
requires many visual skills that a
chart alone can test

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**Why You Hang
Holly at Yuletide**

CREDIT THE PAGAN Druids for
inspiring one of the nice Christ-
mas customs—decorating with
holly. The traditional holly for the
holidays is widely believed to have
had its origin in the Druid prac-
tice of bringing holly sprigs in-
doors. The Druids woodland spirits
lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a
nice warm place in winter. Be-
sides, the lush green holly and the
contrast of its red berries provided
beauty that could be revered by
men when the sacred oaks were
shorn of their foliage.

The early Christian church
frowned on such pagan customs
and tried to stamp them out. In
due time, however, it was felt that
some of the customs could be
adapted to the new Christmas
conception.

Some beautiful legends associate
the holly with Christ. In fact, it is
often called the Christ thorn. One
legend depicts the leafy sprigs as
the crown of thorns; the red ber-
ries as the sins of the world and
the blood of Christ. Another credits
holly with first springing up from
the footprints of Christ. The plant
is said to remain green all winter
as a reward for once hiding Christ
from his pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the
Christmas celebration is evidenced
in the traditional holiday colors,
green and red. The Druids weren't
the only people of old who thought
the holly was something special.
Pliny, the great Roman historian,
insisted holly blossoms caused wa-
ter to freeze. Also, that holly
thrown at any wild beast would
make it lie down tamely next to
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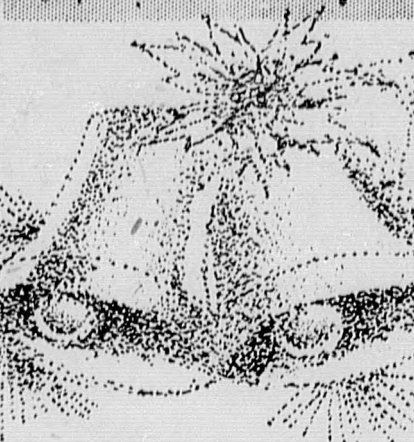
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**Christmas
GREETINGS**



May the Christmas bells ring a cheery note
for you at this season, and all the good things
of life be yours in the coming New Year.

Taylor Warehouse Co.

**CHEERY
GREETING**



"At Christmas, play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year."

May your Christmas be a joyous one!

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An old fashioned greeting...
far from new
Really sincere and meant for you.
We appreciate our customers and
that's the reason.
We wish for you a "A Happy
Holiday Season."

Dorsey Bros. Chev. Inc.



It's the same old wish but it is
sincere. We thank you for your
patronage and hope your Holiday
Season is a joyous one.

Paul's Cafe



We want to get into the swing of
things and wish you a Happy Year.
May you find health, happiness
and prosperity.

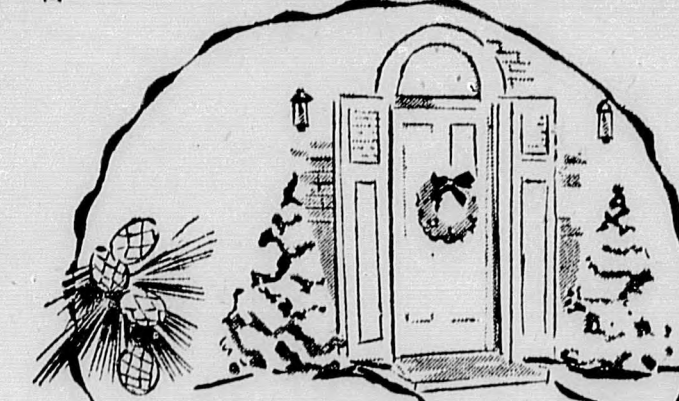
Western Auto Associate Store

Foy W. English, Owner



We don't know what is in the bag for
you but we sure hope this Holiday
Season will be happy and the New
Year a prosperous one for you.

Elba Mercantile Co.



**merry
CHRISTMAS**

Not believe in Santa Claus. You might
as well not believe in fairies. Nobody
sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign
there is no Santa Claus. The most real
things in the world are those which
neither children nor men can see. No
Santa Claus. Thank God, he lives and
he lives forever. ... Frank Church

City Electric & Plumbing



The idea is old... the wish the same
But still as bright as a candle's flame.
A Merry Christmas for all of you...
And a bright and happy New Year too.

Whitman's Drug Co.

"Your Walgreen Agency"



NO RAIN, DEAR... This
young lady makes a pretty pic-
ture down in sunny Florida, on
Christmas eve as she poses with
Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer.
Although Florida lacks snow it
makes up for it in other beau-
ties.

**Christmas Rose
Enhances Yule's
Festival Mood**

AMERICANS usually decorate
their homes at Christmas time
with holly, evergreens, or hol-
house plants. Recently, however,
they have found a new friend in
the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen
say this plant's popularity has
skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas-rose is not really
a rose at all but belongs to the
crowfoot family. It is a small plant
no more than a foot high when
mature. Nevertheless, it can put
forth seven or eight small white
roselike blossoms tinged with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus
niger or black hellebore, it gets
this name from its black stalks.
The Christmas-rose is no freak,
nor super-precocious flower or
early-blooming plant. This lit-
timate child of winter flowers nat-
urally in December or January. It
withstands snow and low tempera-
tures, demanding only some sort
of shelter from the snow.

Helleborus niger does not propa-
gate well in the United States.
Most of the tiny plants are im-
ported from Belgium and the
Netherlands. They develop best
only in the western part of those
countries where they thrive in soil
peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about
the Christmas-rose and eagerly
sought it for medicinal use. They
believed that eating the roots
would "clear the brain, cure stu-
pidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Anticyra," said
the poet, Horace, of an ill friend.
Anticyra was a Greek town where
the black Hellebore flourished.

The Helleborus family is indige-
nous to southern Europe and the
Mediterranean regions. The
Christmas-rose variety came origi-
nally from Austria.

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Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Wood and children are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in North Alabama.

Among the college students spending the holidays at home are Jimmy Ward and Jimmy Perry of Auburn and Misses J. L. Donaldson, Wilene Clark and Jean Goodin of Troy.

Miss Janice Richardson of Auburn is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Richardson.

Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Stephens of Opp were Sunday guests of Mrs. M. D. Rigby.

Miss Louise Carley of Shawmut is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Carley.

George D. Hataway of the Air Force, stationed at Lackland AFB near San Antonio, Texas, is home with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Hataway.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ward of Louisville, Ky. and Mrs. Jimmy Hall of Columbus, Ohio are expected to get here to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. J. Ward.

Guests of Misses Cora, Lura and Lillie Jernigan during the holidays include Misses Phyllis and Ethel Prigden of Geneva and Ethel Prigden of Geneva.

Miss Elaine Besdole who instructs commercial subjects in the public schools of Georgetown, Ga. is home with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Besdole.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Foster and L. Russell are spending the holidays with Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Children in Wauchula, Fla.

The Andalusia staff of the Southern Life and Health Insurance Company are spending the holidays with a dinner at the Steakhouse in Greenville last Thursday night. After dinner Christmas presents were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed. Among the guests were Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Donaldson.

Mrs. Gladys Floyd and Lamar Floyd of Mobile visited relative here during the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Y. Nobles went to Fairhope Wednesday to spend several days with Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bellows.

Mr. & Mrs. Oree Clark recently received news that their son, Pvt. J. Alton Clark, had landed in Japan.

Mrs. Mae Rhoades and Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Rhoades and daughter are visiting Mr. & Mrs. V. G. Rhoades in Columbus, Miss.

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Donaldson are having as their guests during the holidays Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Thomason of Troy and Mr. & Mrs. Edsel Thomason of Baker, Fla.

Lonnie Hataway, Walker Hataway, Aude Clark and Miss Anna Clark left Monday for Winter Haven, Fla. to be at the bedside of Miss Veta Hataway who is seriously ill.

Lafel Donaldson of Ft. Benning, Ga. and Miss Sue Donaldson of Montgomery are spending this week with their father, W. J. Donaldson.

Miss Joyce Anderson of Dothan is home with her parents Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Anderson for Christmas.

Visiting Mr. & Mrs. Rayford Stephens the first of this week were Mrs. Florence Walker, Mrs. Jimmie Hussy and D. L. Walker of Mobile.

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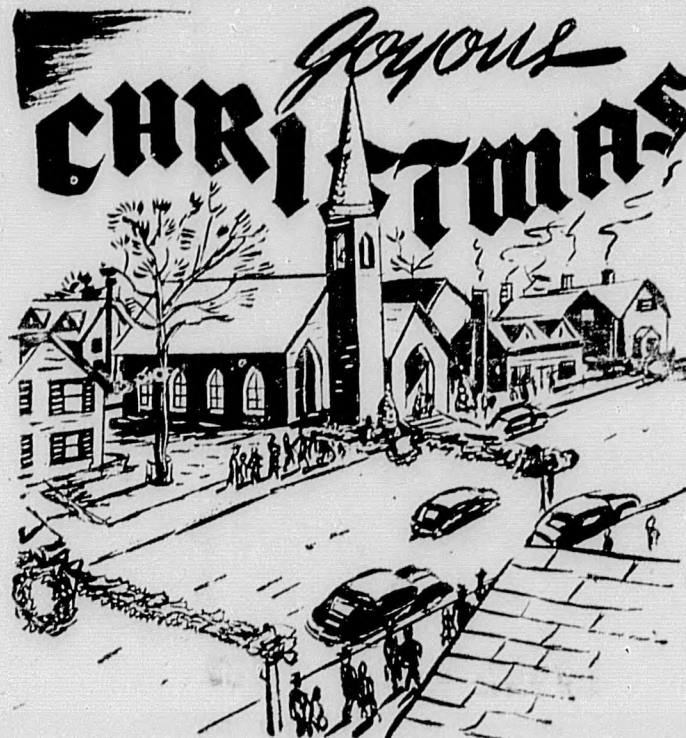
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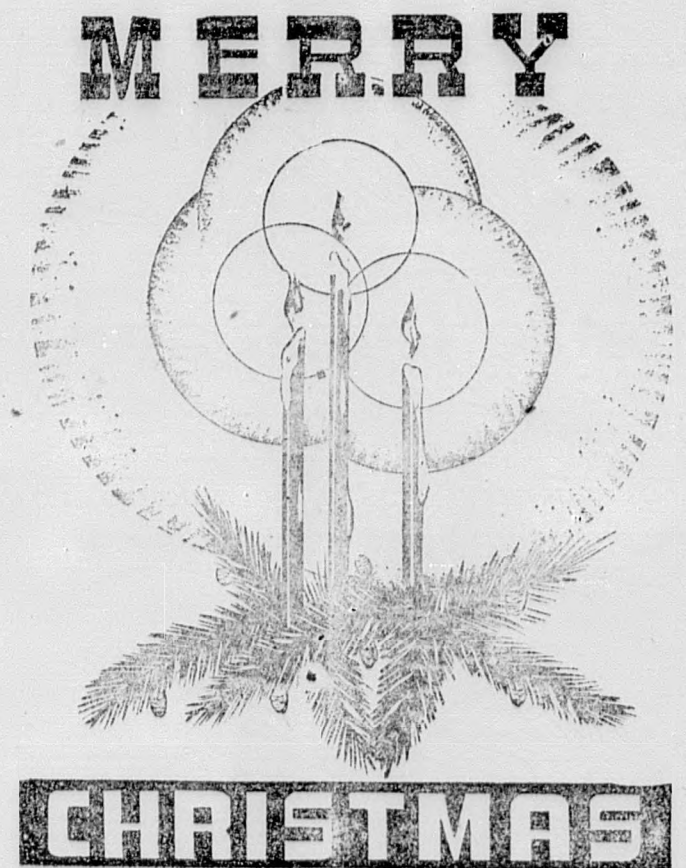
Here's a friendly wish that's old but sincere. A Merry Christmas to our many friends and customers

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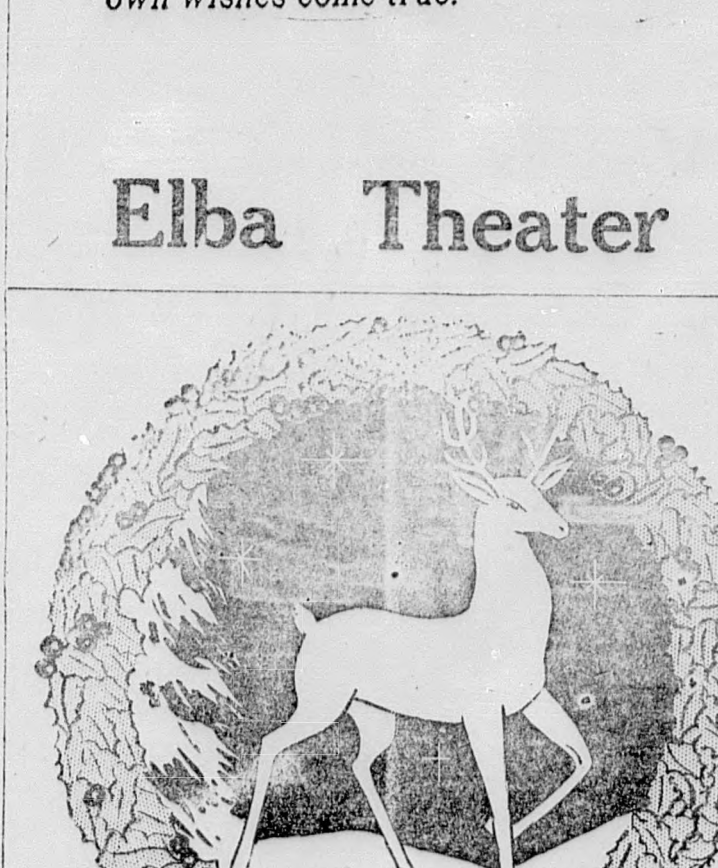
May you rejoice in the gladness of this Christmas Season and may the spirit of Peace and Good Will remain with you always.

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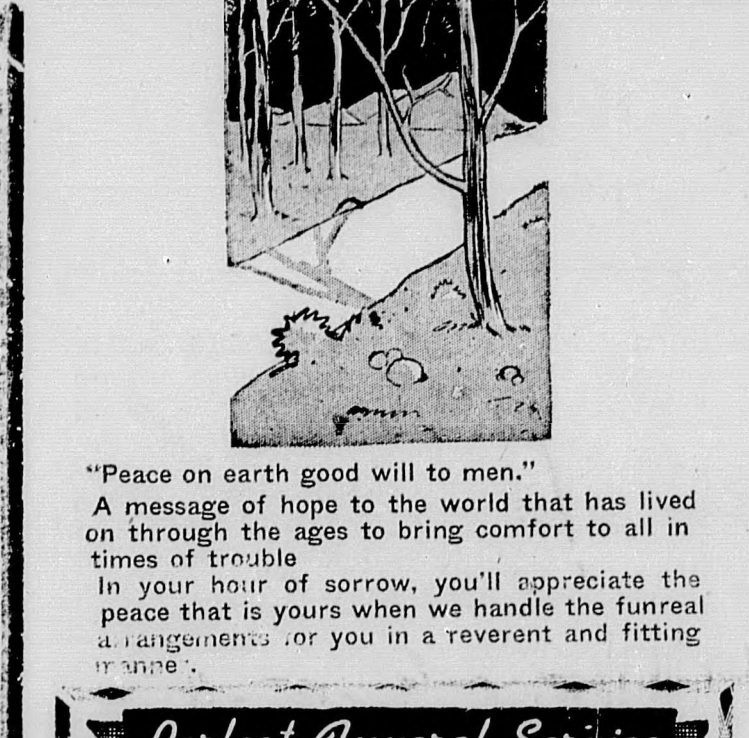
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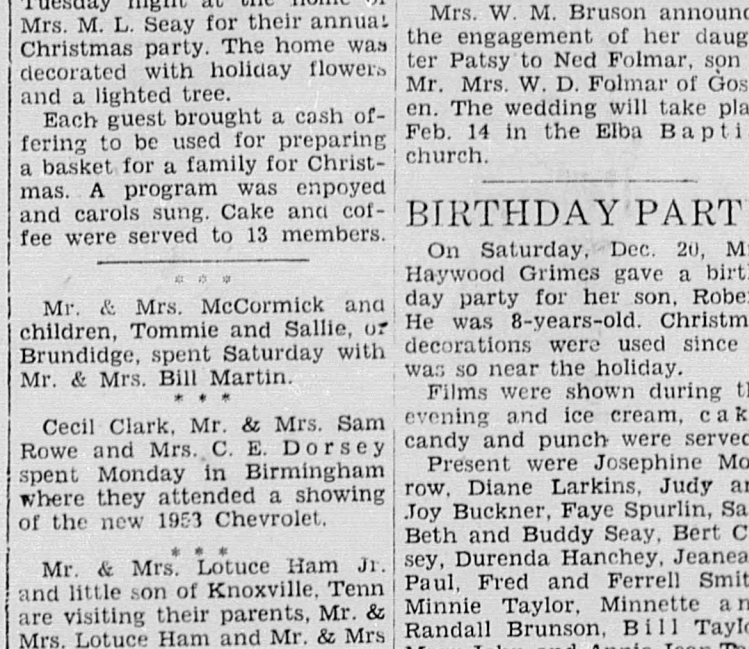
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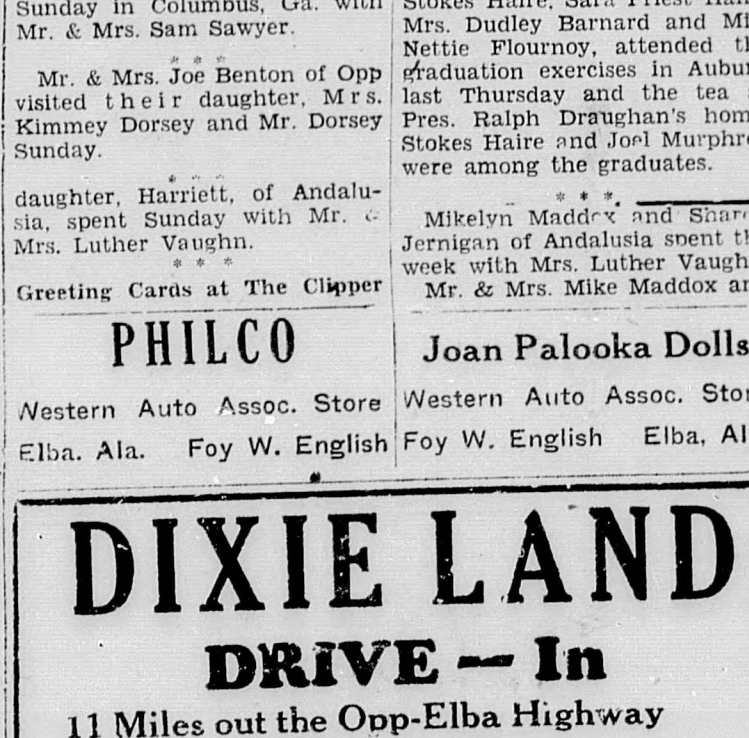
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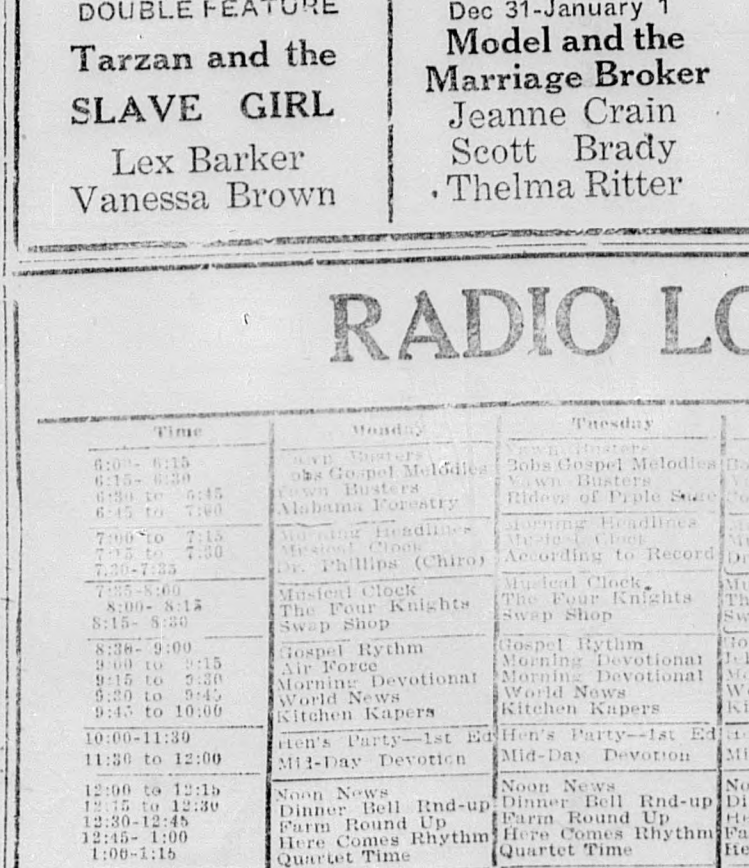


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SOCIALS

Faber Kease of Birmingham visited in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lema Rainer last week.

Rev. & Mrs. Ben Johnson of Wilmore, Ky. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Johnson.

R. H. Richardson of Tuscaloosa spent Monday of last week with his sister, Mrs. Leslie Johnson and Dr. Johnson.

Mr. & Mrs. Dooler Bryan and Mr. & Mrs. Hollan Harrison left Tuesday for Ft. Smith, Ark. where they will visit Capt. & Mrs. Charles Harrison for several days.

Will Harper is recovering satisfactorily from a sinus operation at St. Jude's hospital in Montgomery.

Mr. & Mrs. Horton Fick and sons left Thursday for De Moines, Ia. where they will be during the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Dunaway are spending this week in Chicago, Miss. with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Gamblin and Rev. Gamblin.

Mrs. Comer Devane, Eugene Devane and John Morrow are spending the week in Houston, Tex. for ten days.

Ted Vaughn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Vaughn is spending some time at home after 21 months on Guam.

Miss Anne Payne, who teaches at Jacksonville, Fla. is spending the holidays at home with her parents. She has as her guest Miss Jimmie Harrison of Jacksonville.

Marion Brunson of Camp Jackson, S. C. is spending the week with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fox Brunson.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rowe, Miss Lillian Rowe, Mrs. J. M. Kimmy, Mr. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. Claud Dorsey, Mrs. Geo. Lindsey and Lela Ann Sawyer attended the Messiah in Troy Monday night.

Walter Smith is leaving for an electronics school in Chicago Dec. 31. The course will last 72 weeks and at the end of that time he plans to return to this section of Alabama. His studies will cover radio and television.

Jimmy Patrenos is spending the week with his mother in Opelachicola, Fla.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Brunson and daughter of Tuscaloosa and Dr. & Mrs. J. E. Pittman and sons of Monroe, La. are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. W. M. Brunson.

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Christmas Seal Sales In West Coffee Are Less Than \$200.00

So far less than \$200 has been received from the sale of Christmas seals in Elba, Mrs. L. F. Doughtie, executive secretary of the Society for the Eradication of Tuberculosis in the Wiregrass, said Monday.

In Elba and vicinity 797 letters with \$2.00 worth of seals in each letter were sent out. Less than \$200 has been mailed back.

Mrs. Doughtie said the money is badly needed for cases of TB in Coffee County. There are 57 cases here, 22 of them new last year. Coffee County has the largest number of new cases of any county in Southeast Alabama.

In the county as a whole, the tuberculosis association mailed out 2827 letters and has a goal of \$550.

"We cannot afford not to be interested," John Brunson, chairman of the seal sale for Elba, says. Its job is to do some thing real and genuine to help our fellow man during the holiday season."

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OPEN FRIDAY Dorsey Chevrolet and Cannon Motor Company will close Wednesday, Dec. 24, at noon and will reopen Friday morning, Dec. 25.

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In the past 25 years, federal
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
International Union
of Christian Scholars

SCRIPTURES: Matthew, 23:1-12
JEREMIAH 23:1-12

Gifts to Christ

Lesson for December 28, 1952

WHAT the world brings to
Christ is never to be com-
pared with what Christ brings to
the world. Not all the Christmas gifts
that ever were, including those
given to the cause and in the name
of Jesus, equal a small part of the
value of Jesus himself to the world.
Nevertheless, ever since the time
of the wise men from the east,
gifts have been brought and laid
at the feet of Christ, in one way or
another.

Wisdom

Many treasures of wisdom,
through these 19 centuries, have
been poured out for the Master's
service. Not that men can make
God wise; but the wisdom and
learning of man-kind can be, and
have been, put at the disposal of
Christ and his cause. To take
one fact alone: the translation of
the Bible into hundreds of lan-
guages through-
out the world. The work of trans-
lating can never stop, because lan-
guages keep changing; the English
and the French of this century are
not the same as they were cen-
turies ago, and Bibles translated
for those times become hard to
understand in our day.

Not that a new English trans-
lation is needed every few years; but
somewhere, all the time, into some
language or other, this work is be-
ing carried on. It is no simple job;
a translator must not only know
Greek and Hebrew, but also, and
very thoroughly, the language into
which he translates. Most good
translations are made by groups,
for many heads are better than
one, at this work.

When we add to the work of the
translators all that other scholars
have done, all the brain work that
has gone into the printing and bind-
ing of the books and distributing
them in many ways; we can see
what the devotion of intellectual
talents has meant, through the cen-
turies, to the Christian religion.

Wealth

Think what a difference it would
make, if suddenly every Christian
in the world decided that the
Lord's work could get along just
as well without being offered an-
other cent. No new churches would
be built; existing churches would
fall into decay because no one
would pay for their repair (and
free labor wouldn't do it, because
that too is a form of wealth). Home
and foreign missions would come
to an end. Christian schools, hos-
pitals and colleges would close
down. No Christian books of any
kind could be printed. Radio re-
ligious broadcasts would cease, be-
cause there would not be any one
to pay for them, and even the
"free" time, which always costs
the station something, could no
longer be offered.

From Each His Own

Christianity is today an interna-
tional religion, though it started
off as the religion of a few Jewish
peoples. But Jesus was scarcely out
of his cradle before these men of
the East came, and they were the
first of a long line from every na-
tion and race in the world.

In America we think of Christian-
ity as almost an American re-
ligion; but it is not. Americans
have brought much to Christianity,
their energy, their daring, pioneering
spirit, their practical slant on
everything—these have given to
Christianity in North America a
"color" and a "style" all its own.

But we are not the only Chris-
tians, perhaps not even the best
ones. There are Indian Christians,
and Chinese Christians; there are
Christians among the Eskimos and
Zulus. There is some Christianity
behind the Iron Curtain; it is found
in Scotland, Sweden, Spain, El Sal-
vador.

And while we are all brothers
under the skin, the fact remains
that it takes all kinds of Christians
to make the Christian world, and to
make the world Christian. Our
missionaries do not go out to make
American Christians; they go to
make Christians. And every one
who comes to Christ brings some-
thing which is specially his own.
As Rev. John Monsell's hymn has
it:

"Fear not to enter His courts in
the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst
reckon at thine.
Truth in its beauty, and love in
its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on
His shrine."

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From all of us to all of you we extend this
greeting. We thank you for your past coop-
eration and hope that you will let us serve you
during the coming New Year.

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President-Elect Buys Christmas Seals



The air is filled with the sweet music of
carols, the ringing of bells, the merry voices
of children and friendly greeting from friend to
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As this harmonious melody we add our sincere
greeting to you, our many friends and patrons,
A Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful
New Year.

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ings of the Christmas
Season will be yours.

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Glad Tidings



May we join in the
chorus to wish you a
Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year.

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To all our friends
and patrons we
wish the happiest of
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Let nothing you dismay.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth, from Heaven to men,
Begin and never cease.
May the blessings of Christmas be yours

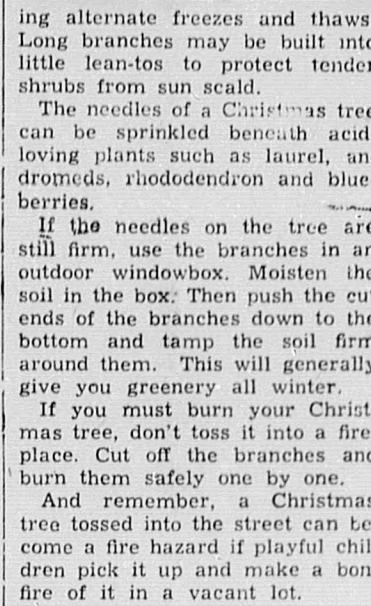
Piggly Wiggly

Christmas Trees Can Be Put to Many Uses After New Year's

There are a number of things
you can do with your Christmas
tree after New Year's besides
burning it.
If it is a fir, for instance, it can
be anchored in the back yard—
perhaps in a corner of the gar-
den—and used as a bird feeder.
The remainder of the winter,
pieces of nut and little feed bags
may be tied to the branches. A
container of water should be
placed beneath the tree and kept
filled so the birds will have a
drink every day.
Or, cut off the branches and
place them, curved ends up, over
flower beds when the ground is ex-
posed. An evergreen much helps
prevent the soil from heaving dur-
ing alternate freezes and thaws.
Long branches may be built into
little lean-tos to protect tender
shrubs from sun scald.
The needles of a Christmas tree
can be sprinkled beneath acid-
loving plants such as laurel, an-
dromeda, rhododendron and blue-
berries.
If the needles on the tree are
still firm, use the branches to an
outdoor windowbox. Moisten the
soil in the box. Then push the cut
ends of the branches down to the
bottom and tamp the soil firm
around them. This will generally
give you greenery all winter.
If you must burn your Christ-
mas tree, don't toss it into a fire-
place. Cut off the branches and
burn them safely one by one.
And remember, a Christmas
tree tossed into the street can be-
come a fire hazard if playful chil-
dren pick it up and make a bon-
fire of it in a vacant lot.

Red Diamond COFFEE

And when you are in a Rush—Instant Red Diamond
—Ready this instant!



Select Toys to Fit Child's Age Level

A child's Christmas toys should
be chosen with as much care as
you would buy his clothes—to fit
his age level.
If the child is just learning to
walk and climb, give him play
materials to stimulate these ac-
tivities. He needs his first picture
book when he begins to talk, house-
keeping toys at about three when
he begins to want to help mother,
and crayons and scissors when he
can begin to handle them.
Parents, aunts, uncles and cousins
should consider what the child is
ready for as regards physical
growth and mental and social de-
velopment in selecting toys.
If toys are selected with some
relation to the child's growth, and
needs, they will be toys which
stimulate self-reliance.
Most children, it is believed,
can fare better with fewer but
carefully selected toys.

Santa's Little Helper Was Scandinavian Elf

Where Santa's Little Helper
came from?
In the Viking age in Scandinavia,
long before Leif Erikson dis-
covered America, the little North
Children believed that a little elf
with long white whiskers—
Tomten—lived in the stable. He
saw that the earth was abundant
with good food and that the an-
imals and birds were taken care
of. After the pagan Vikings be-
came Christianized, little Jol Tomten
became the giver of presents—
like our Santa Claus today. The
children left a bowl of porridge on
the kitchen table for which
Jol Tomten would exchange gifts
for the good boys and girls. Trav-
elers brought back the legend of
Tomten and he has come down
to us as the busy jolly, good little
elf who works in Santa's work-
shop.

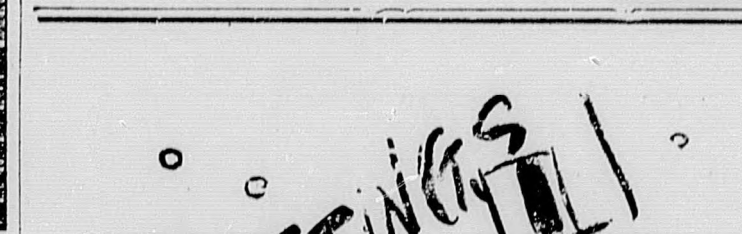


Glory to God, this wondrous morn,
On earth the Saviour Christ is born.
A season of rejoicing and thoughtfulness of
others. May we add to your happiness by
wishing you and yours a Joyful Christmas.

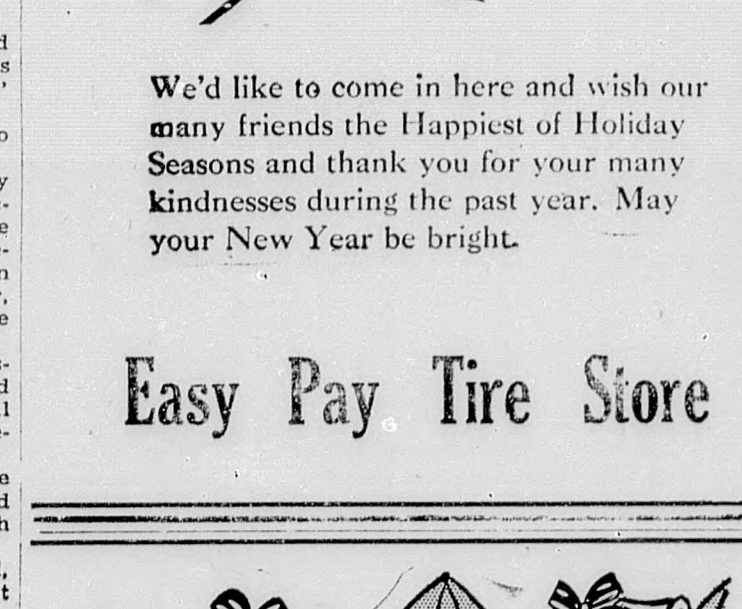
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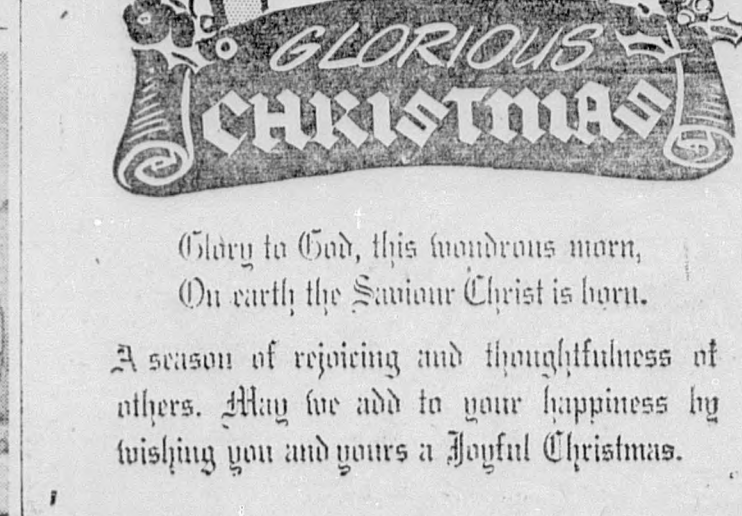


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Seasons Best Wishes

For you we wish the best
at this Happy Holiday
Season and through the
years to come... Peace.



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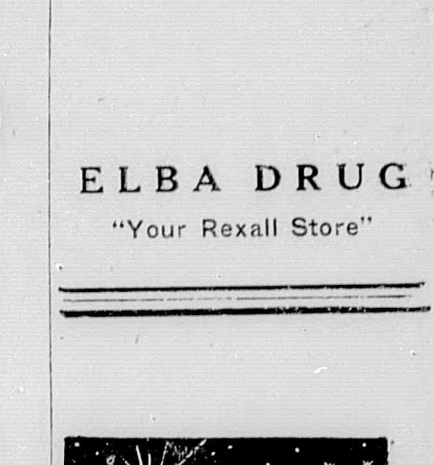
LINDSEY-THOMASON
Furniture Company

Greeting Cards for All Occasions
At The Clipper



We wish you a happy
Holiday Season

ELBA DRUG
"Your Rexall Store"



GLAD TIDINGS



Joy and peace be
yours at this Holy
Christmas season.

FEDERATED STORE



Seasons Best Wishes
For you we wish the best
at this Happy Holiday
Season and through the
years to come... Peace.

LINDSEY - THOMASON Furniture Company
"MAKERS OF HAPPY HOMES"
Phone 426 Elba, Ala.

RUSHING SHOE SHOP
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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Laundry Service
★ Damp Wash
★ Rough Dry
★ Finished
All Work Guaranteed
Elba Motor Laundry
Located at
ELBA MOTOR COURT

Don't Forget For Dry Cleaning at its Best
Veterans Cleaners
Here is dry cleaning service at its best. It is
designed for folks in this community who want
their clothes to look better, fit better and last
longer.
Phone 467 for Cleaning at its Best

REEVE'S Furniture Co.
Phone 365 West Elba
● Boats
● Built-to-order
Furniture
● Furniture Repairs
A complete selection of birth-
day greeting cards is on display
at The Clipper.

TO Buy, Sell or Rent A HOUSE
SEE
S & S Real Estate
Sam Sawyer
Phone 397 or 301

Elba Mercantile Co.
Your General Store
Invites you to
Trade with Them
★ Groceries
★ Hardware
★ Dry Goods
An advertisement in the bus-
iness directory puts your
name before 1200 families in
this trade territory each
week.

The Jewel Box
● Magnolia Diamonds
● International Sterling
● Elgin-Bulova Watches
● Gibson Greeting Cards
● Expert Watch
Repairing
Phone 498

Veteran Auto Parts
Independent Gas & Oil
U. S. Tires & Tubes
Auto Parts & Accessories
Dial 255

It's in the Bag!! What's in the Bag!!
TOP-QUALITY REFRESHMENTS
When You Get Them at
JACK'S PLACE
Opp-Elba Highway
"Your Refreshment Center"

Tomorrow's Forgotten Man, Failed to Advertise Today. List Your Business in The Clipper's New Business Directory.

Elba Oil Co.
Cities Service
600 X 16
TIRES
\$12.75
★ Old Tire
Phone 420
C. N. Boswell, Rt. 1, Elba

NEW SHOES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL
Complete Stock of shoes and boots for all age
school boys and girls. Our prices are reasonable—
our quality good. See us about shoes for children
going back to school.
RUSHING SHOE STORE
EXPERT SHOE REPAIRS
Across from Bus Depot

Douglas Devane, Elba
Ideal Dress Shop
FEATURING
Junior & Half-Size
DRESSES
Barbizon Underwear Line
Phone 318

WATSON'S AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE
Home Owned and Operated
Foy W. English
An advertisement in the bus-
iness directory puts your
name before 1200 families in
this trade territory each
week.

L&L SHOPPE
Flowers for All Occasions
Ladies Ready-to-Wear
Infant & Gift Departments
Phone 243
Mrs. S. J. Rodenborn, Rt. 5

Fuller's Radio Shop
Years Experience
In Radio Repair Work
Expert Repairs on
—Small Appliances
—Record Players
—Radios
Located in Old Tally Cafe
Elba, Ala.

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POOR ORIGINAL

BLEED THROUGH

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

STRAY HOGS

I have five stray hogs at my place. Owner may have them by paying claim and for ad. E. L. Moore, New Brockton, Rt. 1, 41p Dec. 25-26

LOST

Three-year-old cow, Wednesday morning, weight 450 pounds, dark brown, between Elba and Victoria. Please contact J. H. Wamble, Rt. 1, Reasonable reward. 2tp Dec. 18-24

HELP WANTED: WOMEN

Interviewers: Part time work questioning people in their homes. No selling. Requires intelligence, interest in others, conscientiousness. Adults only. Helpful if car available. Write qualifications to "Advertising Agency", Box 415, New York 17, New York. Dec. 25-Jan. 1

WOMEN WANTED

Address, mail postals. Each order pays \$1.00. Send 25 cents

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Education of Coffee County, Ala.

For Period Beginning October 1, 1951

And Ending September 30, 1952

I RECEIPTS

State Funds	\$781,300.59
Federal Funds	9,350.22
County Funds	52,209.50
District Funds	25,572.35
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS	\$846,733.26

Insurance Adjustments	1,895.00
Sale of Property	711.00
Sale of Bonds (City of Elba)	6,475.00
Others	778.25
TOTAL NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS	9,859.25
Balance at Beginning of 1950-51	200.01
TOTAL Revenue & Non-Revenue Receipts	\$856,792.60

II DISBURSEMENTS

Enterprise City Board of Education	\$120,203.99
General Control	9,009.32
Instruction	52,100.33
Operation of School Plant	19,057.37
Maintenance of School Plant	11,225.61
Transportation	11,000.42
Attendance	3,000.00
Insurance	124.86
TOTAL Current Expense in Day Schools	639,002.11

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Alterations of Old Buildings	23,508.05
New Equipment	2,232.50
TOTAL Capital Outlay	25,750.55

DEBT SERVICE:

Long Term Loans (Principal)	15,000.00
Long Term Loans (Interest)	4,581.25
Short Term Loans (Interest)	950.00
TOTAL Debt Service	20,841.25

Grand Total expenditures including City of Enterprise	855,797.93
Maintenance and Operation	964.67
TOTAL Expenditures	856,792.60

The above is a true and correct statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Board of Education of Coffee County, Alabama for the period, beginning October 1, 1951 and ending September 30, 1952 other than bonded indebtedness.

Signed: Board of Education of Coffee County, Alabama
J. E. Pittman, President
Kermit G. Crook, Superintendent

Thomas A. McWaters

Of Goodman Dies on

December 21 at Troy

county resident and well-known farmer of Goodman, died Dec. 21 in a Dothan hospital from a heart ailment after an illness of ten days with heart trouble. He was a member of the Baptist church at Goodman and took an active part in county and community activities. He was born in Pike County but had lived in Coffee for a good many years.

Surviving are four sons, T. P. B. P. N. J., and J. J. McWaters; three daughters, Mrs. Lena Jones, Mrs. Vallie Kennedy, Dothanville and Mrs. Lettie Roberts, Elba; two brothers, U. F. McWaters, Trenton and B. F. McWaters, Florida; two half-brothers, Bill McWaters, Brundage and John McWaters, Jack; 25 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Media Ellis and Mrs. Reality S. nn.

Thomas McWaters was 72 years-old. Funeral services for him were held Dec. 22 at Goodman Church, Rev. Q. P. Jones officiating.

Interment was in Goodman cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

REGISTRARS SESSIONS
J. W. Parker announces that the Coffee County Board of Registrars will hold extra sessions in Elba and Enterprise during January. They will be held in Elba Jan. 5-9 and at Enterprise Jan. 12-16 inclusive. Regular sessions will be held in Enterprise the third Monday of each month and in Elba the first Monday of each month.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Martin had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. C. Y. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. D. Whitman and Buddy, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Levi Throver and children, of Delham Mrs. W. R. Crook and Mrs. Ida Young. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. C. Y. Martin.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elba Exchange Bank, Elba, Alabama, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the bank on Thursday, January 15, 1953, between the hours of six and nine o'clock P. M.

Dec. 22, 1952
J. W. Brock, Cashier
Dec. 23-Jan. 4

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, rendered on the 10th day of December, 1952, the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of E. H. Boswell, deceased, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Court House in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, January 5, 1953, the following described lands of said Estate of E. H. Boswell, deceased, said lands being described as follows: SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 23, and four acres in the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 24, Township 6, Range 19, Coffee County, Alabama.

Mrs. Lucille Boswell, Administratrix of estate of E. H. Boswell, deceased.
Dec. 18-31

School Board ...

three classrooms. This brings about a situation where five teachers are conducting one study hall because they have no place to teach. He stated the number of instructors was up to the level authorized by the state but the school had no place to hold their classes.

Enrollment at the high school averaged 450.5 per day. The state department of education survey recommended 17 classrooms and only 11 (counting the library) are available. Mr. Casey stated, in all grades 80% are enrolled with an average daily attendance of 99. One home room has 82 students and the music teacher instructs 225 pupils per day in a room 20' x 40'.

POLICY OUTLINED
As a general policy of spending the \$150,000 that will be put into new facilities, Mr. Pittman said the money is needed in schools where the children are not. And the greatest need in high schools is the county was in Enterprise and Elba.

A definite decision on where the money will be spent will be made probably at a special meeting of the Board called for the first of the year. Mr. Crook is expected to have concrete figures on how much construction costs will be in Enterprise and Elba as well as the cost of painting rural junior high schools.

During the Christmas vacation T. M. Stroud, contractor, was told to fix the holes in the floors of the old school in Elba. James Wise, who did not run for re-election for the board, attended his last meeting as a board member.

Others present were J. E. Pittman, Dallas Wise, Jess Brown, and Carl Brooks.

37 Years Ago ...
Many to be held the following second Tuesday in May: For the probate judge post, K. W. Harrison; tax assessor, Brewster Horn; tax collector, C. P. Braswell; R. P. Kind and J. E. O'Neal; Commissioners, C. G. Pope, L. D. Dunford, J. T. Egerton and D. Yohn; circuit clerk, H. Brock.

Dorsey Colored Employees Are Given Fish Fry Friday Eve.

A program for colored employees of Dorsey Trailers and Dorsey Chevrolet was given at the Mulberry Heights school Friday night.

A fish fry consisting of fried snapper, hush puppies and the "dumplings" was served.

Rev. G. T. Thomas returned thanks. A service pin was awarded to Lee Henderson for five years service at Dorsey Chevrolet.

Rev. G. T. Thomas was master of ceremonies; Mrs. Glennie P. Cox, pianist and Willa Deau-Bullard, song leader.

Serving committee: Mrs. Ruby Grace Williams, Miss Anita Balkum, Miss Cassie Lean Balkum, Miss Johnnie Stouderme, Mrs. Wilma Henderson, Mrs. Alice Hammonds and Lurline Thomas.

Santa Claus: Bartholomew Henderson; Helpers, Mrs. Gladys Rhodes, Lurline Thomas, Albert Blue and Sylvia Blue.

Christmas tree and decorations, Mrs. Pauline Reynolds and Miss I. M. Lee.

A letter of appreciation signed by Columbus Peterson, Bartley Elliott, Claude Elliott, Jimmie S. Lee, and Gafford Thomas was received by the Dorsey management.

Bells Crossing

One of our most enjoyable socials was given by Boss Gallop at his home last Thursday afternoon. Attending were Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Kendrick, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Edith Hudson and Misses Jimmy and Ruby Lassiter.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hudson entertained with a spend-the-day party and dinner at their home last Wednesday. Mrs. Cecil Kidd and Mrs. Carlton Hall, daughters, prepared the dinner. Attending were Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mayberry, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Kendrick, and Hubert Hudson.

Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Kidd and Miss Martie Kidd were guests of Mrs. Annie Joe Kidd last Thursday.

Miss Charlie Merle Hudson, a student at APT Auburn, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. Hudson.

Otha Mayberry has returned after a several weeks visit with his sister, Mrs. Sam Wee. Mrs. Albert Bombow of Prichard, Alabama, was in Elba last Monday.

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ELBA THEATER

GIVING FREE

MOVIE XMAS

A real Christmas treat is in store for all children under 12 who are invited to an American Legion-sponsored free show at Elba Theater Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Excer Robertis, manager, announced that 18 cartoons have been obtained for this special showing. They feature 14 little Raschals, Donald Duck, Pluto and other favorites.

The Elba Theater has been giving a free Christmas movie for the kids for years and Manager Excer Robertis says he hopes the theater will be packed full.

George Washington Hall, 71, died Dec. 20 at Troy hospital. He suffered a stroke three days previous while standing in front of an open fireplace at his home in West Elba near the John Payne residence. Severe burns received here caused his death. He was born in Coffee County and resided here all his life. His deceased wife was Beulah Cook Hall.

Surviving are two sons, C. H. and D. M. Hall; one daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Price; one brother, Dave Aldred; two sisters, Mrs. Vie Hudson and Mrs. Lizzie Collins.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 21 at Zoar Church with Rev. M. L. Seay officiating.

Polibearers were Toy Dyess, D. C. Rhodes, Willie Carney, Max Reeves, J. D. Aldred and Shelby Morrow.

Burial was in Zoar cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

PLEASANT HOME HANDS KINSTON SECOND DEFEAT
Pleasant Home gained revenge for a previous loss to Kinston, Friday night when they subdued Kinston 52-43. The two squads are rated the strongest in the second district. The game Friday was played at Pleasant Home.

The Kinston Bees also dropped a decision to the Pleasant Home squad.

At the end of the first period the "A" squads were knotted on points but at the half Pleasant Home gained a 10-point edge. From there on out they were never headed.

Top scorer for Kinston was Glen Gochin with 16 points. Coached by former Pleasant Home star Frank Ray Garner, the Pleasant Home cagers have lost only to Kinston earlier in the season. Bryant Steel's Bulldogs have won nine and lost a pair.

NO SUNSHINE
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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Three marriage licenses were issued the past week at the Elba probate office:

Portell Hillyard Wise, 27, Rt. 1, Elba and Miss Lucy Catherine Byrd, 22, Montgomery.

Thomas Jefferson Tipton, 18, Bainbridge, Ga. and Miss Sybil Jeannette Meeks, 15, Samson, Rt. 1.

David Kilcrease, 29, Brantley, Rt. 2, and Miss Louise Bane, 21, Elba Rt. 2.

Greeting Cards at The Clipper

It's a good CHRISTMAS



for the wise logger who uses a McCulloch chain saw.

McCulloch's faster cutting gets more logs to the market... and that means more money to spend.

See the McCulloch for '53 at your dealer's

Season's Greetings

BEASLEY - WILSON MULE CO.

Ozark, Alabama

ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH DIGNITY AND CARE

When the shadows fall over the life of a loved one, you can rely on us with complete confidence to handle all funeral arrangements with dignity and care.

Every effort will be made to provide a final tribute worthy of the deceased.

Southern Funeral Homes

OFF Phone ELBA

Christmas Greetings from Elba Theater

And Its Personell

Program for Dec. 24-31

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 25-26
CARSON CITY
TECHNICOLOR
Randolph Scott

We have arranged a special program for the holidays and will appreciate your patronage.

Saturday, December 27
Blue Canadian
Rockies
Gene Autrey
Double Feature



ELEPHANT
STAMPEDE

Johnny Sheffield

Sun-Mon, December 28-29

SAILOR BEWARE

Dean Martin

Jerry Lewis

Tues-Weds., Dec 30-31

PLACE IN THE SUN

Montgomery Clift

Elizabeth Taylor



A Hearty wish for Christmas Cheer and happiness through the year.

Smith Bros.

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